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ESTABLISHMENT OF PILOT TRAINING PROGRAM/SCHOOL

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1. THE EMBASSY IN PRINCIPLE SUPPORTS THE POSSIBLE PURCHASE
BY PERU OF U.S. HELICOPTERS (REFTELS). WE REGARD
THIS AS A TRADE OPPORTUNITY WITH POTENTIAL POLITICAL
BENEFITS. OF COURSE, GIVEN THE MARCON NATIONALIZATION
PROBLEM, IT IS ADVISABLE TO HOLD ANY U.S. DECISION IN
ABEYANCE UNTIL WE KNOW IF THE GOP WILL NEGOTIATE AND REACH
ACCEPTABLE COMPENSATION AGREEMENT.

2. AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME TO CONSIDER HELICOPTER SALES TO
PERU, WE BELIEVE WASHINGTON SHOULD TAKE AS GIVEN THAT THE
PERUVIAN ARMY IS DETERMINED TO OBTAIN AN AIR-MOBILE CAPABILITY
AND WILL DO SO. THE QUESTION IS THEREFORE WHETHER PERU WILL
PURCHASE THIS CAPABILITY AND RECEIVE PILOT TRAINING FROM
THE U.S. OR FROM ONE OF OUR COMMERCIAL OR POLITICAL RIVALS.
REGARDING ANY CONCERNS THAT GOP HELICOPTER PURCHASE
WOULD EXACERBATE PERU-CHILE RELATIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE
SERIES OF HIGH-LEVEL POLITICAL AND MILITARY CONTACTS BETWEEN
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THE TWO OVER THE PAST YEAR, TOGETHER WITH THE CONTINUING TALKS

PURSUANT TO THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION REGARDING REGIONAL ARMS
LIMITATION,
ZAVE DAMPENED DOWN TENSIONS.

3. WE WILL PROVIDE FURTHER VIEWS AS MARCONA DEVELOPMENTS
UNFOLD. EVEN IF GOP REFUSED ACCEPTABLE COMPENSATION FORND
MARCONA, WE
MAY WISH TO RECOMMEND SALE ON STRICTLY COMMERCIAL
BASIS, SEPARATE FROM FMS. WE BELIEVE THAT U.S. HELICOPTER
SALES TO PERU WOULD CREATE FEW DISADVANTAGES FOR U.S.,
COULD BRING POLITICAL BENEFITS, AND WOULD OFFER REAL COM-
MERCIAL ADVANTAGES.
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